

Supervisor Gloria Molina – List of Accomplishments

Housing

- Constructed 1,090 new affordable housing units in the First District
- Oversaw the Marbrisa Development—a new neighborhood of 50 privately owned homes where a nuisance property (Latchford Glass) once existed—by “zoning-down” the property and working with the local community, private enterprise, the Community Development Commission, and other County agencies. This development allowed low- and moderate-income families to purchase brand new homes.
- Oversaw conversion of various nuisance properties to 16 single-family homes in East Los Angeles and 22 single-family homes in unincorporated areas
- Oversaw numerous special needs housing developments, including Villa Malaga, serving the physically challenged; Bonnie Beach, serving transitional single parents; and Margarita Mendez, providing transitional housing for emancipated youth

Transportation

- Brought East Los Angeles Shuttle service to First District residents
- Secured funding for several critical grade separation projects in El Sereno and the San Gabriel Valley.
- Effectively fought for Blue Line light rail extension to the Eastside, which will connect seamlessly to the Pasadena Gold Line
- Helped extend the Gold Line light rail through Highland Park and Pasadena

Environment/Parks

- Led the Los Angeles River Master Plan efforts for Los Angeles County, which included 60 cities in a planning process and resulted in a blueprint for parks and open spaces along the river
- Provided funding to acquire former Lawry’s Center and convert it into the Los Angeles River Center
- Improved El Bosque de Rio Hondo by restoring natural area to its original form and linking the park with the San Gabriel Valley regional trail system

- Created \$5 million in Proposition A (1992) open space assessment district funds for Los Angeles River Project and distributed them to cities of Maywood, Bell Gardens, Bell, and Los Angeles to provide new river access through parks and bike trails
- Created “The Greening Institute” for non-profit groups and cities to develop new “pocket parks” throughout the First District
- Created afterschool computer programs at all First District parks with expanded programs at Belvedere Park and Los Nietos Community Center
- Approved funding for a new community park in the Union Pacific community in East Los Angeles
- Created a “Parent and Park Institute” at Mayberry Park in South Whittier to aid parent volunteers and recreation staff with training to recruit and retain community volunteers who provide recreation and cultural programs at the park
- Initiated Los Angeles Bikeway Plan
- Upgraded Basset, Saybrook, and Mayberry Parks
- Constructed gym in City Terrace
- Constructed Santa Fe Dam lifeguard facilities
- Pico Rivera Spreading Grounds landscaping and beautification process currently underway, with decorative fencing being installed around perimeter. By next year, a bike path will run through the City of Pico Rivera via the Spreading Grounds, connecting the Rio Hondo and San Gabriel Rivers.
- Constructed new senior center at Valleydale Park
- Made major renovations to the Los Nietos Community & Senior Center
- Improvements underway at Belvedere, Sorensen, Salazar, Dalton, Obregon, and Rimgrove Park, as well as Whittier Narrows

Health

- Began Nurse Mentoring Program to alleviate Los Angeles County’s nursing shortage
- Provided eyeglasses for hundreds of schoolchildren via the “Gift of Sight” project
- Acquired \$1 billion federal commitment from then-President Bill Clinton in 1995 to rescue the County’s health care system

- Created Physician Discipline Guidelines requiring strong monitoring and accountability of doctors and identifying administrators responsible for discipline at every Los Angeles County facility
- Established the requirement of Corrective Action Plans with every Claims Board Settlement approved by the Board of Supervisors under Health
- Required the first re-solicitation/competitive bidding process of all Alcohol and Drug programs, which were sole-source for the previous 15 years
- Eliminated the practice of using grant funding for sole source and private personnel contracts under the Public Health Programs and Services unit of the Health Department. Established criteria to justify any use of outside contractors.
- Moved Los Angeles County in the direction of managed health care for Medi-Cal patients in San Gabriel Valley and Pomona by authorizing contractual agreements with private hospitals
- Established Countywide Lead Paint Abatement program, which generated an additional \$5 million in federal funding
- Started Murchison Street School “Healthy Start” program in cooperation with the Los Angeles Unified School District, the Department of Public and Social Services, Department of Children and Family Services, the Department of Mental Health, and California State University, Los Angeles
- Initiated mammography screening program at LAC+USC Medical Center
- Introduced motion to restore State-mandated Occupational Health Program
- Passed legislation requiring that the Board of Supervisors approve medical liability claims settlements exceeding \$100,000
- Introduced multiple motions to evaluate all alcohol, drug, tobacco, and immunization programs that required evaluations, measurable outcome data, costs, accomplishments, and program effectiveness
- Introduced motion to oppose elimination of mandate for Counties to provide health and welfare services to the poor
- Introduced motion to ensure that grant funds are fully expended in the Department of Health Services

- Ensured that the Department of Health Services and the Department of Public Social Services proactively respond to the State's plan to place Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) recipients into managed care program
- Introduced motion to assure continued community representation on the Board of Directors for the Department of Health Services' Community Health Plan
- Introduced motion to call for an audit of the Department of Health Services to review efficiency and management
- Introduced motion to establish 200-bed sub-acute unit at Biscailuz Jail during 1991-1992 fiscal year
- Created the Health Authority Law Enforcement Task Force (HALT) to stop the proliferation of illegal pharmaceuticals
- Initiated and oversaw major relandscaping and remodeling of the Pomona Health Center

Good Government

- Saved Los Angeles County nearly \$100 million by ending "pension-spiking" practices
- Reined in medical malpractice liability costs
- Eliminated numerous perks, bonuses, and transportation allowances for bureaucrats
- Created a Budget Committee to provide thorough review of the County's budget
- Opened up the Los Angeles County budget process by requesting public hearings and public comment on the budget
- Eliminated conflict-of-interest loophole that permitted an alternate for an elected official to vote on an item, even when the elected official had received gifts or contributions from the interested party
- Called for the purchase of 100 translation devices for public hearings to allow for broader public participation
- Introduced motion to ensure that Board members adhere to the Ralph M. Brown Act
- Proactively developed a community-based Naturalization Assistance program, utilizing County facilities, to assist thousands of legal immigrants who potentially would have been impacted by the loss of benefits due to federal and state welfare reform changes

- Refused automatic five percent raise in 1994 and each year thereafter
- Introduced motion to televise Board of Supervisors' meetings for greater public access
- Introduced legislation to establish the County Lobbyist Registration Ordinance
- Changed Los Angeles County policy so that department heads must submit justification of proposed out-of-County departmental retreats
- Initiated series of community workshops in East Los Angeles, Valinda, and Florence/Firestone wherein department personnel are brought face-to-face with constituents to teach them how to access government services
- Consolidated duplicative Los Angeles County commissions and eliminated costly and inactive commissions
- Stopped unnecessary purchase of furniture for the Department of Mental Health
- Reformed the Civil Service Commission thereby making the process a more useful tool for managerial discipline of employees
- Introduced voter registration legislation to ensure greater public participation
- Established a more efficient expenditure policy for Los Angeles County aircraft use
- Opened up Community Services Block Grant process by changing the two-year track to one-year and established procedures for monitoring and evaluating programs
- Instituted Countywide Gender Balance policy
- Ensured that Sexual Harassment policies and procedures are followed within the Department of Health and insisted that the Office of Affirmative Action train every manager in every department on Sexual Harassment policies
- Established an effective department head evaluation process that has improved measurement standards and performances, in addition to creating benchmarks within the process to remove those that do not meet established Board goals and objectives
- Enacted programs that improved Human Resource and Affirmative Action departments' sexual harassment, diversity management, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance training in an effort to improve risk management of personnel matters

- Funded over \$1 million in discretionary monies to community-based organizations dedicated to mitigating the effects of gang violence, as well as to programs administered by various County Departments with the same mission
- Ensured that Municipal Courts have requisite accounting expertise to curb poor fiscal mismanagement and eliminate potential criminal problems
- Provided hard-working Los Angeles County employees with a long-overdue cost-of-living increase in 1997
- Re-prioritized Marina Del Rey as an asset for residents of Los Angeles County through an Asset Management Strategy that focuses on maximizing County revenue instead of providing give-aways and sweetheart deals to developers and lessees
- Introduced motion to expand the membership of the Board of Supervisors for better representation for all residents of Los Angeles County (voters rejected the measure)

Crime and Public Safety

- Established More Advocates for Safe Homes (MASH) programs in the First District to empower neighbors to fight crime
- Developed curfew program—in conjunction with Sheriff's Department, District Attorney's Office, and the Courts—to address gang and graffiti activity in East Los Angeles. Extended the curfew program to unincorporated Valinda and other areas, including Florence/Firestone, Baldwin Park, Pico Rivera, the City of Commerce, and unincorporated South and West Whittier
- Introduced motion to exempt security officers from hiring freeze at LAC+USC Hospital
- Introduced successful Graffiti Spray Can Ordinance that prohibits the sale of spray paint cans to minors
- Introduced motion targeting East Los Angeles as a zero-tolerance graffiti zone and instituted a highly successful zero-tolerance graffiti abatement team in East Los Angeles that eradicates graffiti within 24 hours. The successful program has been expanded to include Florence/Firestone area.
- Created violence-abatement task forces in the San Gabriel Valley, East Los Angeles, and unincorporated Whittier
- Established summer and year-round youth programs in hot spots to serve as a diversion to gang activity

- Changed Los Angeles County Parks' pool policy to prevent unauthorized people from frequenting shower areas for increased safety for children
- Introduced motion to install four-way stops near elementary schools to provide greater safety for children
- Worked to restore crossing guard services in unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County
- Provided funding for Sheriff's Youth Athletic Leagues at Mayberry, Roosevelt, Salazar, City Terrace, Bassett, Sunshine, and Walnut Parks
- Introduced motion to require Los Angeles County to keep its buildings graffiti-free and ensure the cleanliness of vacant parcels
- Funded additional patrol cars in Pico Rivera and East Los Angeles, and equipped the Bike Team in Florence/Firestone
- Funded a dedicated weekend patrol for Walnut Park and three deputies for the Special Problems Team in East Los Angeles
- Conceptualized and created the Valinda Law Enforcement Task Force and obtained a community prosecutor from the District Attorney's office specifically for this project
- Co-funded the cost of the first "Town Sheriff" in Los Angeles County—deployed at the Industry Station—to assist the Sheriff and other law enforcement agencies in developing creative solutions to gang activities and crime in the Valinda area
- Created a pilot program in the Valinda area to encourage the planting and maintenance of vines on heavily graffitied walls by local residents
- Extended the Law Enforcement Task Force concept to Florence/Firestone, unincorporated South and West Whittier, and Pico Rivera, adding to those already established in East Los Angeles and the San Gabriel Valley
- Introduced and passed a motion to return to the Sheriff's Department \$2 million of their surplus to enhance patrol in unincorporated areas of the County
- Initiated a Community Oriented Policing Program in East Los Angeles, resulting in hundreds of arrests, thereby reducing the level of crime in the area
- Funded a Community District Attorney Prosecutor for East Los Angeles who is responsible for concentrating on prosecuting hardcore East Los Angeles gang members

- Conducted illegal taxicab stings, forcing violators to obtain driver's licenses and appropriate insurance
- Introduced Street Vendor Ordinance to assure health and safety for residents

Improving Quality of Life for Families

- Provided daycare for 222 youngsters via Infant Care Expansion Grant
- Improved Shyre Park for Bassett Little League
- Constructed senior center at Roosevelt Park
- Refurbished Baldwin Park Library
- Closed down massage parlors acting as fronts for prostitution
- Removed unsightly graffiti and illegal billboards throughout the unincorporated areas
- Instituted landmark legislation restricting the proliferation of adult businesses in unincorporated areas
- Created County's Nuisance and Bar Abatement Team—which operates in East Los Angeles, Valinda, Florence/Firestone, and unincorporated South and West Whittier—which attacked nuisance locations through strict code enforcement. This resulted in liquor license revocations and subsequent closures of 15 problematic bars, nightclubs, and markets.
- Made street beautifications to Firestone Boulevard, Florence Avenue, and City Terrace Drive
- Developed and introduced new legislation to improve and strengthen code enforcement activities in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County
- Led the effort to support real estate fraud legislation to deny unscrupulous brokers from victimizing land purchasers and potential homeowners
- Worked with Avocado Heights Neighborhood Association to preserve the unique character of the equestrian district
- Supported Living Wage ordinance for the County that requires contractors to pay workers at least \$5.32 per hour with health insurance or \$9.46 per hour without it
- Waived lighting fees for baseball leagues to allow children to play longer and in a safe environment

- Created establishment of Buenavision Advisory Panel to ensure quality cable television service for East Los Angeles
- Established a “Red Team” made up of Los Angeles County departments to respond to businesses desiring to expand or locate in County unincorporated areas
- Joined local fight to successfully stop card clubs in the cities of Irwindale, Pico Rivera, and Monterey Park
- Arranged for daily cleanup on Whittier Boulevard and a similar program on First Street in East Los Angeles
- Purchased sidewalk cleaner for Walnut Park community for improved quality of life
- Introduced Garage Sale Ordinance to limit number of garage sales in neighborhoods
- Funded summer swim programs at Pioneer and Bassett High Schools
- Continued successful vine-painting projects that discourage graffiti, and funded two-way radios for the Maravilla Foundation to assist with these projects
- Ensured that the County Department of Animal Care and Control revised its animal relinquishment form to make it bilingual and clarify department animal holding policy, in addition to establishing a 1-800 customer complaint hotline
- Authored motion to abate illegal public telephones on public rights-of-way
- Introduced controversial motion and directed County Counsel to draft an ordinance prohibiting the placement of billboards that advertise alcohol, tobacco, or sexually-oriented telephone services within 100 feet of sensitive uses such as schools, parks, churches, and daycare centers
- Initiated a lawsuit against the City of Los Angeles and owners of El Mercado to curb illegal vendor activities
- Led the effort to aggressively secure and maintain Los Angeles County-owned buildings and properties, including the El Pueblo-Olvera Street area and property at First and Spring streets in downtown Los Angeles
- Funded three District Attorneys to conduct truancy abatement programs in schools in South Gate, East Los Angeles, the San Gabriel Valley, and Pomona
- Funded the purchase of several computers and established a computer tutorial lab for youths and their parents at the Florence/Firestone Sheriff’s Station

- Funded the purchase of computers and work stations, and founded the tutorial center, at Margarita Mendez Housing complex
- Instituted community and business revitalization programs in Union Pacific area along César Chávez Avenue and First Street, and on Whittier Boulevard in East Los Angeles
- Broadened the Abolish Chronic Truancy (ACT) program—initiated in the First District—to include other cities such as Baldwin Park, the City of Los Angeles, and El Monte. ACT has been hailed as a successful program by the many school districts that participate.
- Renegotiated with the City of Pico Rivera over their Community Redevelopment deal on old Northrop Property, which prevented the City's redevelopment agency from collapsing and allowed the agency to develop the property when Northrop closed their doors and moved out of Pico Rivera. The land currently is under development.
- Opened the Nogales High School Library to public during non-school hours, allowing the public access to library materials as well as 50 internet-accessible computer terminals.
- Improvements underway at Anthony Quinn Library
- Installed a book detection system at the East Los Angeles Library and Rosemead Library
- Initiated and oversaw asbestos abatement and new carpet installation at Cudahy Library and Bell Library
- Renovations underway at East Los Angeles Civic Center. A new 28,000 square foot library is in design and groundbreaking is scheduled for Fall 2002. Improvements to the lake and park will begin in Summer 2002. Other improvements in the final phases include a new plaza off Mednik Avenue and the conversion of the existing East Los Angeles Library into a city hall to serve the East Los Angeles community.
- Developed a Community Resource Center in the unincorporated South Whittier community, which provides social services and case management for residents, as well as access to computer training and an active volunteer group
- Developed neighborhood identity markers along with street parkway trees and landscaping in South San Gabriel, East Los Angeles-Atlantic Boulevard, and City Terrace Drive welcoming motorists to unincorporated neighborhoods
- Enhanced the community business façade program to include urban design, resulting in a dramatic change to the look of the commercial businesses on César Chávez Avenue and on City Terrace Drive

- Facilitated beautification of César Chávez Avenue (to begin in late 2002), including traffic calming devices, new landscaping, and public art along the street through the Maravilla Redevelopment Project area
- Provided economic support for the East Los Angeles Civic Center Plaza, a private redevelopment project across the street from the government complex in East Los Angeles, which will supply commercial spaces for new restaurants and stores
- Encouraged the creation of the office of unincorporated services, which studies ways to improve service delivery to the unincorporated areas, as well as a 1-800 help line for all unincorporated service inquiries
- Initiated the first “Community Connection” newsletter for the unincorporated Whittier area, which provides quarterly updates and information about Los Angeles County programs serving that area
- Rehabilitated Graham Neighborhood Library with significant renovations and a major façade upgrade and public art mural that speaks to the diversity of the population now living in the Florence community
- Funded afterschool computer homework centers at all Los Angeles County libraries serving the unincorporated areas of the First District

Community Empowerment

- Democratic National Committee (DNC), Vice Chair
- Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF), Board Member
- Robert F. Kennedy Memorial, Board Member
- Southwest Voter Registration and Education Project, Board Member